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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

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1. SSOD PREPARATIONS (CONFIDENTIAL)

INTRA-DEPARTMENT AND INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN
PICKING UP IN REGARD TO A US POSITION FOR THE FORTHCOMING
UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. I AM ATTENDING A PRE-
BRIEF IN PM ON THE SUBJECT THIS AFTERNOON IN ADVANCE OF
AN SCC MEETING TOMORROW.

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TO RECAP THE PRESENT SITUATION CONCERNING HIGH-LEVEL EA
ATTENDANCE AT THE SSOD, WE NOW EXPECT FOREIGN MINISTERS
MOCHTAR, PEACOCK, SONODA AND TALBOYS TO ATTEND. ALTHOUGH
NOT YET FIRM, IT ALSO APPEARS LIKELY THAT ROMULO WILL BE
COMING AND THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF RITHAUDDEEN
ATTENDING AS WELL.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS - LICENSING OF POLICE SMALL ARMS AND
AMMUNITION (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE ARE CIRCULATING IN DRAFT A DECISION MEMORANDUM TO "T" REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES FOR SHIPMENTS OF .38 CAL POLICE REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION TO THE NATIONAL POLICE FORCES OF THE ROK AND THE ROC. A CASE INVOLVING SUBMACHINE GUNS FOR THE ROK PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION FORCE, WHICH WE DO NOT CONSIDER A POLICE ORGANIZATION, IS ALSO INCLUDED. WHEN CLEARANCES ARE COMPLETED AND HA/HR HAS PREPARED ITS PORTION OF THE MEMORANDUM (WE PRESUME HA WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THESE SALES) IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN AND YOURSELF FOR APPROVAL.

OUR ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF APPROVAL FOR STANDARD SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION (BUT NOT FOR CROWD CONTROL ITEMS SUCH AS MACE OR CN) IS BASED ON OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT NEITHER GOVERNMENT IS A "SERIOUS" VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT THIS TIME IN THE SENSE OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PD-30 WHICH PROHIBITS SUCH SALES TO POLICE FORCES IN COUNTRIES SO CATEGORIZED. IN ADDITION TO CITING IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES, WE ALSO NOTE THAT BOTH SUFFER FROM SIEGE MENTALITIES AND SOUTH KOREA IN PARTICULAR HAS EXPERIENCED MANY BLOODY INCURSIONS FROM THE NORTH. REFUSING TO SELL STANDARD POLICE WEAPONS WILL NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE
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ROKG OR GROC AND COULD IN FACT INCREASE RESISTANCE IN THE POLICE TO LIBERALIZING TRENDS ADVOCATED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ELEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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